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P R 100450Z JUL 75
FM AMCONSUL PORT MORESBY
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 653
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PP, PFOR
SUBJ: INVITATIONS TO PNG INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

REF: A. STATE 160481; B. PORT MORESBY 597

1. LAVETT (DEPUTY HEAD, AUSTRALIAN OFFICE) INFORMED ME JULY 10 THAT THREE LETTERS HAVE NOW GONE TO DFA CANBERRA FOR TRANSMISSION TO EMBASSY CANBERRA: (A) TO THE PRESIDENT, INVITING HIM AND SPOUSE OR DESIGNEE; (B) TO SECSTATE INVITING HIM AND SPOUSE OR DESIGNEE, AND (C) TO HIGHCOM TTPI (CONTENTS OF LAST NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR).

2. I WILL TRY TO DETERMINE HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN REPRESENT THE U.S. I HAVE POINTED OUT REPEATEDLY THAT I CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO FIVE AT THE RESIDENCE, AND EACH TIME THIS NEWS HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BUT THEN PROBABLY FORGOTTEN PROMPTLY.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT SHOULD EXPECT CONTINUING STREAM OF INFORMATION ABOUT INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY TURNS OUT TO BE INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT OR BOTH. THE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE WAS SET UP IN THE CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE AND IS HEADED BY A FORMER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER WHO HAS NO BACKGROUND IN FOREIGN RELATIONS OR PROTOCOL. DFRT HAS BEEN ENTIRELY OUTSIDE THE PREPARATIONS UNTIL VERY RECENTLY WHEN THERE HAVE BEEN SOME LAPSES WHICH

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INVOLVED DFRT'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND BROUGHT DFRT INTO THE

PICTURE. AN ADDITIONAL PROBLEM IS INCLINATION OF CHIEF MINISTER
TO MAKE COMMITMENTS WHICH COMMITTEE THEN FINDS EMBARRASSING
TO HAVE TO CARRY OUT. FURTHER, IN ADDITION TO THE CONFUSED
SITUATION HERE, I DOUBT THAT MATANE WILL BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED,
GIVEN THE VERY SERIOUS UNDERSTAFFING IN DFRT.

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